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SUBJ: CIVAIR: SAIPAN ROUTE CASE

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY FIRST NOAM DIV (FUJII) HAS ADVISED INFORMALLY THAT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS BEING SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT GOJ POSITION ON SAIPAN ROUTE CASE IS AS DESCRIBED IN ITS PREVIOUS AIDE MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT BUT THAT, UPON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, GOJ WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AWARD OF SAIPAN-TOKYO ROUTE TO A US CARRIER ON TWO CONDITIONS: FIRST, THAT OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS CONCERNING CAPACITY ARE RESOLVED; AND SECOND, IF A NEW CARRIER IS DESIGNATED (I.E. CONTINENTAL), THAT THE RESULTING IMBALANCE IN SERVICES IS REMEDIED.

2. EMBASSY INTERPRETS THIS TO MEAN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO DESIGNATION OF PANAM IF LATTER STOPS AT SAIPAN AS PART OF SERVICE TO GUAM AND DOES NOT ADD FLIGHTS TO TOKYO. HOWEVER, IF A NEW CARRIER OR ADDED FLIGHTS ARE INVOLVED, JAPANESE WILL WANT COMPENSATION INFORM OF CAPACITY LIMITATIONS OR PERHAPS NEW RIGHTS TO US OR BEYOND. JAPANESE ACTION ALSO PUTS THEM IN POSITION TO INFORM MICRONESIANS THAT OPENING OF TOKYO-Saipan SERVICE IS AGREEABLE TO THEM IF USG ONLY MEETS CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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